UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO BEFORE HONORABLE DANIEL R. DOMINGUEZ

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

CIVIL NO. 97-1268 (DRD)

LAW CLERK: Nathan J. Schulte

NYDZA BOU MALDONADO, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

V.

K-MART CORPORATION, et al.,

Carlos A. González-Soler

DATE: November 18, 1999

Attorney: Eric Quetglas Jordan

Defendants.

An INITIAL SCHEDULING CONFERENCE was held today. The parties advised the Court as to the status of the case. The Plaintiffs have identified three experts-neurologist, examining physician and psychiatrist. Only one expert's report has not been served upon Defendants. Accordingly, the Court **ORDERS** the parties to comply with the following deadlines:

DEADLINES

- 1) Plaintiff to fully comply with FRCP 26 Completed within 30 days, that is by December 24, 1999;
- 2) Defendants for experts to evaluate Plaintiff (no duplicate evaluations) Completed within 30 days, that is by December 24, 1999;
- 3) Defendants to fully comply with FRCP 26 Completed within 60 days, that is by January 21, 2000;
- 4) All discovery ends (including locating deposition transcripts and redeposing if necessary) Completed within 60 days from today, that is by January 21, 2000.

NO EXTENSIONS shall be granted. All deadlines are FINAL and FATAL.

The Court notes that a motion to dismiss has already been decided on the issue of jurisdiction amount in controversy. See (Docket No. 6). Therefore, the Court believes this case is not amenable to a challenge to jurisdictional amount via dispositive motion.

The Pre-trial Conference will be held on Monday, February 16, 2000 at 4:30 p.m. Trial will be scheduled for March 2000 either before a visiting judge or Judge Domínguez.

The Parties are strongly encouraged to explore settlement as discovery matures.

s/c: Counsel of record

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